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"Gays Must Set Standards"

by Bruce Pettit

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

I have no objection to a Gay Community Center. I've had some concern about the Grove Street center because I was assured that it would not be held hostage and that the Redevelopment Agency would be permitted to take over the block and the building as soon as they were ready to move. I was told that personally by one of the people who

Dianne Feinstein is serving a third two-year term as president of the Board of Supervisors. Her Gay community support in 1969 was widely cited as a deciding factor in her first-place finish in citywide elections that year (and her first presidency). In 1971 she sponsored the ordinance to prohibit businesses that contract with the city from discriminating against Gay people. She recently was interviewed by Bruce Pettit of B.A.R. Key excerpts of her comments follow.

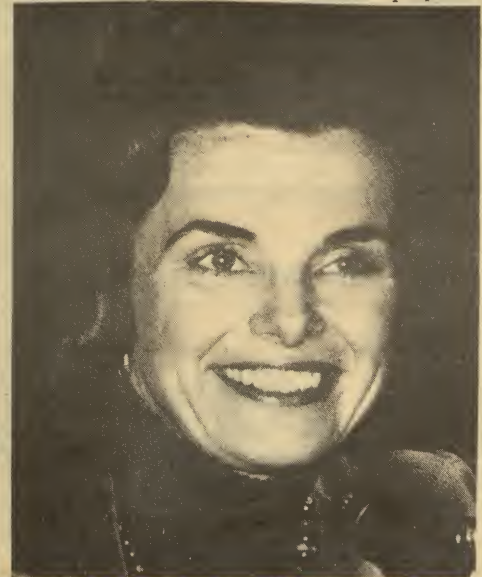
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1971 GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCE

Our 1971 legislation was essentially the same that the City of New York is now considering. It amends the anti-discrimination sections of the code to prohibit the city from discriminating on the basis of sex or sexual orientation. The code at that time provided that you could not discriminate on the basis of race or religion, but it did not mention sex or sexual orientation, so this was added to the codes. I believe it passed the Board on a bare 6-5 margin. It was legislation that was an idea whose time had come, and the city should take those steps. I'm proud of that legislation.

1978 HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE

At the time we discussed the legislation of 1971, we asked the city attorney if it was possible to include private employment, because many of the groups involved in the legislation wanted it included. We received an opinion, which was recently backed up by another opinion, which stated that we were pre-empted by state law under the Fair Employment Practices Act from levying discrimination provisions for private employment. This is a state matter and the state controls this. As a matter of fact, I believe there is legislation pending in the state legislature on this very subject. I'm not inclined to pass legislation that we know on the face we're pre-empted from passing. Particularly when the state is moving in that area. I have some concern about the city going contrary to legal advice in this area. But, I'll listen to the testimony and keep an open mind.



Dianne Feinstein, President of the Board of Supervisors, talks to City Hall correspondent Bruce Pettit.

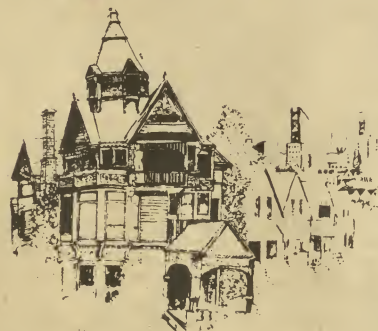
was involved in it. And then, of course, I learned that they were trying to prevent the Redevelopment Agency from utilizing the block for the garage for the Performing Arts Center. People broke their word to me in that regard.

HOUSING SPECULATION

We must pass legislation that will provide a disincentive to housing speculation. I would favor legislation that would increase the transfer tax dependent upon the length of time you hold the property. Because we have very heavily escalating property values, there are a lot of people coming into San Francisco literally with shopping bags of money, buying property, doing nothing to that property, just holding it for a speculative reason, turning it over as rapidly as they can. This is working a severe hardship on our people. We have a vacancy rate that is under 3%, and 3% is an emergency vacancy rate.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I know of no city in the United States where Gay people live and work and create as constructively as they do in San Francisco. I think this is demonstrated by the large number of Gays who have come to San Francisco. Now what happens in San Francisco is going to be looked at as a prototype of what will happen in every other community. The Gay community in San Francisco, in my opinion, bears an immense responsibility for what will happen throughout the United States. If we can demonstrate that we can become a sound, stable, secure community where everybody can live — not with one



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imposing their human rights on another but with a sense of dignity, living a full and constructive life — then we will make it easier for Gays throughout the United States. This brings up the whole area of human rights and where we are. I think people have a right to live without imposing their values on others. What I see happening in San Francisco — in the bar scene, the street scene, in the S&M scene — is an imposition of a lifestyle on those who do not wish to participate in the lifestyle. I'm very concerned that there be balance. We have a major problem in the city, because we're losing families. The school system has lost 30,000 youngsters since 1970. We're losing population. We've lost 7% of our population since 1970, and lost just in the last two years alone 11,000 people from the city. Most of these are families. The key to a good city is a healthy mix of all different kinds of people — being able to send good vibes one to another, respecting differences because if you respect differences you then become more creative and more productive. It's a more exciting city in which to live, not a city which is dominantly one thing. That would be a lot like a small Midwestern town. I want to see that that healthy mix stays.

POLK STREET ON HALLOWEEN

I was opposed to the closing of Polk Street on Halloween. I don't want to see San Francisco become the kind of playground for everybody who can't do whatever they want to do in another community to flood to San Francisco and use the city that's struggling to maintain its working middle class and upgrade minorities. The year before this past Polk Street Halloween festival there were major problems. And there were major problems this year when the street was closed, in terms of being able to get services to people who needed them. I know of one coronary they had a great deal of difficulty getting through to. A good deal of this was hushed up, because it's now the politically chic thing to say that anything and everything goes. I disagree with that. I don't think it's for the overall benefit of the city. What is for the overall benefit

of the city is to see that Gay people who are in the professions are able to produce, who are in the trades are able to produce, and are able to live without harassment and go about a life that's good and rewarding.

GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE

The degree to which the Gay Freedom Day Parade has been used as a device to continually press for a less structured city, a more anything-goes city — at that degree the movement and I part company. I now look at the Gay Freedom Day Parade as again continuing this thrust beyond what I consider to be that which is necessary to live in a mixed community. To acclaim, well, "We'll take over the community, the heck with everybody else, we're going to do our own thing and we don't really much care what anybody else thinks" — I've seen that happening on the streets now in an attitude. I've been getting letters from constituents all over the city indicating their concern about it. Last year after some pressure, the parade was brought under control. The year before I don't think it did San Francisco any good. To parade nudity and obscene symbols is something I would not like to see supported with public money.

GAY SELF-DISCIPLINE

I've tried to talk to various leaders in the Gay community to say that the community needs to set some standards. The community needs to get together and decide what will be and what will not be, in terms of what's good for the majority of people. I have not been able to secure a commitment. When it's all over the streets, many people want to see a crackdown. I'm very concerned that, unless some standards are set within the Gay community, there will be increased public cries: "How can we let this happen? Why do we sanction the Gay Freedom Day Parade?" If standards are not set and San Francisco becomes the city upon which other communities base their decision about Gay people, I believe that decision will be, "We don't want to be like San Francisco." What the press will do is pick up what's aberrant, what's bizarre, what sells newspapers. They're not going to pick up the constructive things, the dynamism that is added to a city by a Gay community.

PORNOGRAPHY

I think pornography has become one of these liberal causes by people who don't know too much about who's impacted by it and what the effects of it are, and who controls it and what the side effects are. So the liberal chic has been, oh, you're a prude if you speak out about the effects of it on a community. The fact of the matter is that it has a dominant impact, and the Tenderloin is a good area to take a look at. I have never understood why certain elements of the Gay community construe control of pornography as being anti-Gay. There is more heterosexual pornography, and yet nobody looks at it that way in the heterosexual community.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

There's no question that I gave committee preferences to the extent that I could to those people who had been loyal and supported me, just as I believe is done in the state legislature or anywhere else when it's this kind of election. I would be very foolish not to do so. There's also an additional problem. We have more new members of the Board than we've ever had before at one time. There are certain committees that are regarded as the committees where freshmen are originally assigned. Urban and Consumer Affairs (chaired by Harvey Milk) covers any school problem that comes before the Board, any consumer problem, all cable television and rate regulation. Community Services (chaired by Carol Ruth Silver) covers all youth problems and delivery of social welfare programs to

the people. So they're not minor committees in that sense. In the seniority list of committees they traditionally have been those to which freshmen are assigned.

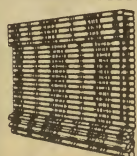
HARVEY MILK'S ELECTION

There were other Gay candidates in District 5, so there was a considerable vote and a considerable vote split. Harvey Milk had 30% of the vote, Rick Stokes had 15%. I think it's very difficult to draw from that any definite conclusions. I think Harvey had a much higher name identification than Rick in the sense that he's been more dominant on some of the issues that have been in the forefront of public life. The next time around, too, it's important for all of us to remember that we don't serve just one constituency. I don't serve just a female constituency. I serve a broad range of issues that affect the whole city and the people of my district at the same time.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

People when they first run for public office don't really understand what you can do and what you can't do. You get into office and find the plethora of codes, a complicated city charter. You learn what's "doable"; you concentrate on making some accomplishments along these lines. That's all part of the seasoning process. I believe I'm a more seasoned politician than when I first came to office, but I don't believe I've lost any of my ideology. I've been wrong about some things, and there are some things I would do differently. Some people — as soon as they get you elected, rather than being helpful, supportive and making constructive suggestions — they're always looking for the thing that's done wrong. What is helpful is constructive criticism. Some people in city government may be gods; I'm not one of them. I'm fallible; I'm subject to emotion. I think I'm reasonably bright; I want to do the right thing, but I can only do the right thing to the extent that I have a full assessment of all the facts and all the points of view. I care about this city, and I want to see it one where people can live in dignity and with respect, one to the other. That's my overriding goal. I have been in city government now for eight years, and I've learned the hard way, by mistake, that cities are best run from the center, in moderation, without labels, without name-calling. When you get a polarized city, you set up an opportunity for a backlash one way or another. I'm very, very concerned.

Bruce Pettit



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Mondanaro Boot Kicks Off Gay Reaction

Josette Mondanaro claimed in the recent Sacramento hearing that she was fired from her position as director of the State Dept. of Health's drug abuse program in October at least partly because she is a Lesbian. She emphatically states that her being Gay was also a consideration when her appointment was held up originally in 1976 for four months. The drug and child abuse authority was dismissed by the governor himself after he was "shocked" by a personal letter which Mondanaro claims she inadvertently wrote on state stationery.

The details of the Mondanaro case have made front-page headlines across the state. The Sacramento Bee has editorially demanded her reinstatement. W. E. Barnes, political analyst for the San Francisco Examiner, states that the governor is in serious trouble because his image as a non-political person has been tarnished. Assemblymen Art Agnos and Willie Brown, staunch Democrats, have attacked the governor in harsh terms for what they perceive as a move to dismiss a Gay person because, as a Lesbian, she might be politically embarrassing to him in November when he is up for re-election. Agnos has given Mondanaro a part-time position in his office.

The Board of Supervisors in San Francisco unanimously passed a resolution which reads: "For her most excellent and courageous service to the State of California and in support of her struggle for justice and reinstatement to the position of California Deputy Director for Division of Substance Abuse, we

award a Certificate of Honor to Dr. Josette Escamilla-Mondanaro." The resolution was introduced by Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver and supported by Supervisor Harvey Milk.

The letter was an emotional reaction by Mondanaro to an article in "Behavior Today" which had implied that those fighting against child abuse were over-reacting. Her outrage at the article



JOSETTE MONDANARO
Brown's Lesbian liability

included peppery words such as "asshole" and "bullshit" which the governor said was "poor judgment" for a \$41,000 per year administrator.

Mondanaro's immediate superiors, Health Director Jerome Lackner and Health Deputy Ray Procnunier defended their employee, refusing to dismiss her. The governor had to do the "dirty work."

The drug expert claims that she was fired because she refused to appoint friends of Mario Obledo, Sec. of Health and Welfare, and because she is a Lesbian. A hearing offi-

cer will soon recommend to the State Personnel Board if Mondanaro should be reinstated. The final decision will be reached several weeks from now by the Board, which is composed of three Reagan appointees and two Brown appointees.

"I feel this whole incident is outrageous," Milk wrote to Governor Jerry Brown ... Josette Mondanaro has been an outspoken public official. She often has spoken out on favoritism in the Civil Service System. I feel that this is very threatening to those in power and that this is more of an issue than language ... The fact that there are no openly Gay people in your administration leads me to believe that a case of hidden discrimination exists here. You have stated that she was not fired because she is a Lesbian. Yet the circumstances around her dismissal seem very questionable. As the state's only Gay official, I must express to you my deep concern about this case. I suggest that you consider the immediate reinstatement of Josette to her former position." ... G.M.

Parade Group Welcomes Help

Plans for the June 25 Gay Freedom Day Parade are being held in abeyance by the planning committee until the current \$1,400 debt is paid. Checks may be mailed to Gay Freedom Day Committee, 330 Grove St., S.F. 94102. The group is in a non-profit tax status, under charter from the Pride Foundation. The public is welcome to all meetings which are held every Sunday at 5:00pm at the Grove St. address. Help and advice is needed, according to the parade organizers.



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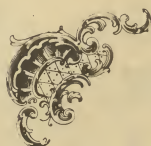
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A Gonzales-Milk Bill

Supervisors Bob Gonzales and Harvey Milk will have agreed upon a single Human Rights Ordinance draft before it comes to the full Board — perhaps in mid-March. Their staffs were working out parliamentary details this week, anticipating the bill will come before the Fire, Safety and Police Committee (chairman Dan White, Ella Hill Hutch, Ron Pelosi) on March 9.

The Human Rights Ordinance would prohibit discrimination against Gay people in employ-

ment, housing and public accommodations. Milk's version is directed explicitly at sexual orientation and deletes earlier references to discrimination based on personal appearance, political affiliation and sources of income. It provides for granting a successful plaintiff \$200-400 plus costs and damages. Legal action would have to be brought within one year of contended discrimination, and a hearing before the San Francisco Human Rights Commission would not preclude a civil suit.

It is not clear whether state law restricts cities from enacting such ordinances. Some Gay activ-

ists suggest that a court challenge — if the Board does pass the measure — could give Gay people judicial relief where the legislature has demurred.

Matt Coles drafted the ordinance, which was simultaneously promoted by the Hastings Gay Law Students and the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club ... B.P.

S.I.R.: A Giant Falls

The Society for Individual Rights (SIR) may conclude its operation as an organization on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

SIR was the most widely respected Gay organization in the nation for most of its 12 year history. Thousands of Gay people and many straight politicians who desired the Gay vote visited SIR Center at 83 Sixth Street. The organization had many "firsts" — Gay stage shows, dances, civil rights lawsuits, a slick magazine (Vector) and a large auditorium that many used for a variety of events. In recent years the group became plagued with internal problems plus the growth of the Gay movement outside of the SIR Center which gave way to many new specialized groups and services. Lately, the situation with SIR has become critical with threatening creditors and tax problems. It abandoned its Center and now uses a box number.

Members, most of whom joined as LIFETIME members, may now vote upon a resolution that would, for all practical purposes, dissolve SIR. The resolution is proposed by the Board of Trustees and reads that SIR be dissolved at the earliest practical date. Also that three trustees be appointed to wind up SIR's affairs.

Larry Eppinette, SIR President, states that in the event the Constitutional Amendment fails to

pass, nominations will be opened for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees.

The meeting will be held in the Jackson Room, First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Sts., San Francisco.

Upper Market St. to Stay "Neighborhood"

Harvey Milk, on the minority side of most controversial issues in his first four weeks as a supervisor, won a major victory Jan. 30 on a matter crucially affecting his own District 5.

Upper Market Street will have four lanes of automobile traffic and retain its "neighborhood" quality, the Board decided 4-2. The Department of Public Works and the Chamber of Commerce wanted six lanes to facilitate the traffic flow.

Milk this week also asked the Board to join him in opposing the congressional effort in SB 1437 to unify the U.S. criminal code. Milk said SB 1437 "raises some very real threats to civil liberties, attacking such fundamental rights as freedom of speech and the right to privacy." He also proposed the Board ask the State Department to close the South African consulate in San Francisco because "the racial policies of the Republic of South Africa are a violation of the rights of many of its citizens."

Milk has called for a charter amendment to require special elections to fill supervisory vacancies. Current practice lets the mayor appoint replacements ... B.P.

Chief Gain Requests Civilian Positions

Seventeen new positions are being requested by Police Chief Charles Gain in his Internal Affairs Bureau. This is the department which investigates citizen complaints against policemen. Those who have proposed a Citizens Review Board to investigate such complaints for many years believe this is an emphatic position by Gain that he will not support a civilian investigation system ... Under District Attorney Joe Freitas, most such complaints are investigated separately by his department.

Gain is attempting to replace 120 "desk jobs" officers with outside "civilian" personnel. Included in this plan would be the replacement of 15 officers at the police academy with non-uniformed people.

The Chief will request a \$87.2 million budget for 1978-1979 which must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The amount is \$11.4 million more than this year's. It includes

\$4.2 million for the hiring of 320 more non-uniformed personnel. Of the 320, 120 would replace uniformed patrolmen and 200 "civilians" would be in newly created jobs.

Gay Action & Coalition Unite?

Gay Action is suggesting a merger with the Coalition for Human Rights into a new organization that will contain in name the words "Gay, Lesbian and action."

The new group, if formed at a joint meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30pm at 330 Grove St., is expected to draft principles of support for feminist, Third World, labor and Gay movements.

At a Gay Action meeting this week a possible reluctance to a merger was mentioned: any sacrificed momentum of women's involvement in the Gay movement, which was credited as one of the Coalition's largest successes.

In the interim, Gay Action has hired Claude Wynne as a liaison to facilitate "support for Gay rights in Third World groups and support for Third World groups in the Gay community." A fund raiser on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2:00pm, at 2032 Union St. will benefit that outreach.

Gay Action split from Bay Area Gay Liberation (BAGL) in November 1976. The Coalition for Human Rights formed spontaneously last June after the Miami defeat ... B.P.

Coors Test "Unreliable" — Lie Detector Ban Proposed

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Birch Bayh (D - Ind.) has introduced legislation which would prohibit the use of polygraph tests by employers. He said their use is a "police state treatment contrary to a free society."

Coors, a Colorado brewery, has used such tests to determine the lifestyles of prospective employees. The brewery is currently on strike, with the polygraph ("lie detector") tests as a major issue in the months of negotiations. An effective gaycott of Coors beer has cut the company's sales in the West.

Bayh said, "It just seems to me to be contrary to our basic idea of freedom and individual rights in this country to say that before we can get a job you have to take a lie detector test and that to keep a job you have to be subjected periodically to that kind of intimidation. A lie detector test is easily subjected to misinterpretation because the polygraph machine measures only stress, regardless of the cause."

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Gays Can Apply for Commission Vacancies

Three up-front Gay people are among the nearly 200 commissioners who can be appointed by the Mayor of San Francisco. They are Del Martin, chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, David Scott of Permits Appeals, and Phyllis Lyon of the Human Rights Commission.

Present vacancies plus remaining 1978 term expirations among the commissions totaled 36 as of late last week. They include four on Aging, three on Airports, two on the Housing Authority, four on Human Rights, three on Recreation & Parks, two on Redevelopment, and four on the Status of Women.

Mayor Moscone has committed himself to appointing up-front Gay people whenever possible. Qualifications vary slightly according to position — particularly because of designated slots — but basically any resident may apply for any commission

by first writing the mayor and indicating an interest.

The Manpower Planning Council, of intense interest to Gay people because it allocates federal employment funds of which they want a share, is technically not a commission. The Board of Supervisors' Community Services Committee, chaired by Carol Ruth Silver, will soon re-open the matter of whether the legislative branch ought to have a role in directing that Council ... B.P.

Agnos Splits Gay Job Bill for '79

SACRAMENTO — The Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly could not produce enough votes to pass on AB-1302, a bill banning job discrimination against Gays and women. The bill is considered "dead" for this session, but its author, Assemblyman Art Agnos, will now divide the bill into two pieces of legislation for 1979 consideration. The recent bill was "1302" on the calendar because it was introduced late in the Assembly, due to a backlash reaction to the Miami

vote. Agnos says that he wishes to make his new legislation AB-1 in the next Assembly session.

Assemblyman John Vasconcellos would have been the 11th vote needed in the 21-member committee. He has been out of the country. However, his return would not help because another vote considered "sure" — Assemblyman John Knox — became ill. The bill had to get out of committee promptly in order to be considered in this session.

Agnos believes that by splitting the bill's sections, the Assembly will have a better opportunity to favorably consider the legislation — at least in part. AB-1302 concerned itself with Gay people, but it also forbade the dismissal of persons who refused sexual advances by an employer.

Dep. Attny. Gen. Morals Arrest Brings Response From Briggs

The State Attorney General's liaison officer to the state legislature was arrested on a morals charge on January 25 in a Sacramento "adult" bookstore.

Attorney General Evelle Younger had stated in early January that "there is no reason why a homosexual cannot be a deputy attorney general." Assemblyman John Briggs, a candidate against Younger in the gubernatorial race, stated that "Younger's permissive attitude was bound to create problems for him."

Briggs also states that Peter DeMauro, the arrested Younger deputy, was not involved in the titling of the Briggs initiative to bar Gay school teachers.

DeMauro, 35, is alleged to have approached a plainclothes sheriff's officer at Sacramento's Adultworld. After inviting him into a film booth,

the accused is alleged to have exposed himself and proposed a sex act. He was arrested for indecent exposure, soliciting for a lewd act and attempting to commit an act of oral copulation.

Chief Deputy Attorney General Charles Barrett said that he was not aware of all the facts and that "a person is innocent until proven guilty."

Briggs reminded the press that Younger is opposed to the Briggs initiative, to ban Gay teachers — which is "part of his permissive attitude toward homosexuals."

Willie Brown Discusses Davis, Briggs, Gay Rights Strategy

SAN FRANCISCO — Assemblyman Willie Brown (D - San Francisco) states that former Police Chief Ed Davis of Los Angeles will most likely be the G.O.P. choice in the November gubernatorial race. He believes that Davis' "bombastic" approach to politics will win him the Republican bid. Brown discounted Evelle Younger, who he believes will not appeal to the financial sources that Davis' is winning; Ken Maddy, who he observes is actually running for governor seriously in 1982; and John Briggs, who Brown believes will never gain momentum. The legislator also is convinced that Governor Jerry Brown will garner 75% of the vote in the Davis-Brown race.

Speaking at a reception organized by Gay activists Larry Eppinette and Bill May, Brown also encouraged civil libertarians to continue to support state legislation such as Assemblyman Art Agnos' AB 1302 bill. He added that such bills, "like my own consensual sex bill," are important as "simple, symbolic pieces of legislation."

He called for a more concentrated effort to get Governor Brown to issue an Executive Order granting equality to Gay people, as was done in New York City recently by Mayor Edward Koch. (An aide to the governor was recently pressured on this point at a Gay lobbying weekend in Sacramento. The aide, B. T. Collins, told the 150 present that the governor was reluctant to take positions on controversial issues.

When asked why the governor did take a public stand on the death penalty, Collins said, "I will convey your concerns to the governor." The aide also said that the governor was too busy to meet with Gay people because "we have 1,500 requests every week from people who want to see the governor.")

Assemblyman Brown said that a concentrated and publicized effort to get the public to not sign Senator John Briggs' initiative petitions would be counter-productive. He urged Gay people to "leave the Briggs initiative alone. That is what Briggs needs — publicity. Stay away from attacking him. I do not think that the initiative has a chance. An outraged response from the Gay community would give Briggs the attention that he wants. If this happened, some people will begin to think that Briggs is right." He added that the conservative ministers who attempted to repeal his consensual sex bill twice are still unsuccessful in making Gay rights a major issue in their initiative effort. The legislator called Briggs "a hopelessly irresponsible person." ... G.M.

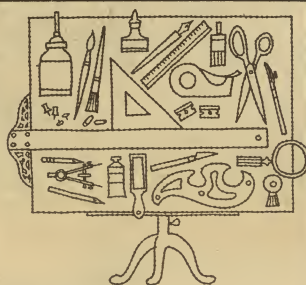
Boston Sin Zone Dying

BOSTON — The nationally known "Sin Zone" here has failed to live up to expectations. The zone was established in late 1974 to gather all of the sex-oriented bookstores, bars and movie houses into one area.

A similar plan was proposed in 1977 by San Francisco's Supervisor Dianne Feinstein. No citizens appeared to be favorable to the zone being placed in their section of town. The idea died as just that — an idea.

The zone here has suffered license suspensions, bad publicity, prostitution arrests, police sweeps and closing businesses. There have been fires, evidently set by arsonists. Today, the head of the urban renewal agency states, "The area is pretty dead."

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I think, perhaps, many companies feel that "helping the city" is a form of charity. I think it more accurate to consider it a part of the cost of doing business, that it should be entered on the books as amortizing the future. I would like to see business and industry consider it as such because I think there's more creativity, more competence perhaps, in business than there is in government. I think that business could turn the South of Market area not only into an industrial park but a neighborhood as well. Too many of our cities have a complex, in fact, too many complexes. We

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First Gay Civil Liberties Study Funded — \$500,000

The nation's major research center in the area of sexual orientation continues at San Francisco State University. The Center for Homosexual Education, Evaluation and Research (CHEER) has received an additional \$500,000 grant to study civil liberties and sexual orientation, bringing its federal grant to \$1,200,000 in the past year.

Funding of the latest CHEER research project was awarded by the National Institute of Mental Health of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). The effort will concentrate on an extensive review of the violations of civil liberties of Gay men and women and those who depart from the traditional feminine and masculine stereotypes. CHEER is involved in several existing projects, including a study of male rape.

Interviews will be conducted in San Francisco and in the New York City metropolitan area. The major parties in possible cases of discrimination will be consulted in both the private and public sectors. Hopefully, the study will conclude with additional protection of the civil liberties of homosexual men and women.

Dr. John DeCecco, professor of Psychology at SF State, and Michael Shively, Associate CHEER director, will direct the new project. They will be assisted by Donald Knutson, professor of Law at U.S.C., as legal counsel.

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Behind the Headlines

Fight Briggs! A Misdirected Effort?

by George Mendenhall

Many Gay organizations and individuals are now concentrating on "fighting the Briggs initiative," and yet the tragedy of this effort is that the initiative will probably not qualify for the November ballot. Meanwhile, our long-range need to properly finance a Gay lobbying effort in Sacramento goes unattended. It is a lot more fun to attack a nut like State Senator John Briggs, whose homophobia is constantly evident. Briggs' effort to place an initiative on the ballot that would ban Gay teachers appears to be a worthy target. If it does qualify in May, a massive effort will have to be launched to defeat it. Early planning, of course, is necessary — in case this does happen.

Unfortunately, it is not exciting to finance a pro-

fessional Gay lobbying effort in Sacramento. Just as with the Anita Bryant campaign, sensational personalities rile the masses and get them excited. However, we discovered with Richard Nixon that it was not just Nixon but something basically wrong with our government and economic system that allows a Nixon to flourish.

The enemies such as Bryant and Briggs will always be there. They are outrageous, flamboyant, illogical, and they sap our energies. However, the real enemy is the passive, non-committal, wishy-washy legislator who is afraid to take a stand, because he thinks that "Gay" means public sex and a loss of votes at election time.

Lisa Katz and Steve



STEVE BADEAU, Sacramento Gay lobbyist.

Badeau are two Gay lobbyists in Sacramento who are helping us receive our full freedom. They are dedicated, but they live on meager incomes and must be constantly concerned about mere survival.

Human Rights Advocates, a group composed primarily of seasoned Gay political activists, attempts to finance Katz and Badeau. Theirs is a continuing, exhausting effort that could have positive results. Theirs is not a glamorous job. It is not political fun — like attacking Briggs or Bryant. Katz and Badeau are dealing with the real enemy, the uncommitted legislator who still has doubts about those "weird" people who hang

around Greyhound bus stations that he/she perceives as being the "homosexual."

Reaching the indecisive legislator is a continuing effort. The lobbying is so poorly financed that, considering the wealth in the Gay community, it is a disgrace to the Gay movement and to each Gay Californian individually.

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Gay Counselors — A Fiscal Issue

Supervisor Quentin Kopp was concerned Jan. 23 that society might be becoming too "compartmentalized," but he agreed to the city's hiring on a temporary basis a coordinator of Gay services in mental health.

Supervisor Lee Dolson, however, voted against the plan, alarmed that the counselor's assistant need have no more than a high school education.

The vote was 10-1 to supplement the Health Department's budget to pay \$12,730 to the two new workers. The counselor would primarily serve Third World Lesbians. The assistant would identify troubled Gay teenagers on Polk Street and direct them to qualified help. Dr. William Goldman, director of Community Mental Health Services, suggested that high school graduates can often reach peers whom more trained personnel cannot.

The two workers will be assigned to the Center for Special Problems, directed by Ron Lee.

Supervisor Milk insisted, "Gay people have pressures put on them by society. Here is a chance to ease those pressures." Regarding Polk Street male prostitution he said, "Here is a chance of saving people from a life they really don't want to lead." ... B.P.

NYC Gay Cops Asked to Talks

NEW YORK CITY - Gay cops in this city are being asked to come out of the closet long enough to meet with the head of the anti-Gay Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. Sam DeMilia, the group's president, has announced that he wishes to personally talk with homosexual officers to learn how they are functioning as Gay cops.

DeMilia is disturbed by a report issued by the National Gay Task Force claiming that there may be 2,000 to 3,000 Gay cops on the NYC force. There are 21,000 uniformed NYC officers. The NGTF and DeMilia reacted to Mayor Edward Koch's executive order which prohibits city agencies from discriminating against Gay people.

The NYC fire and police associations here have openly attacked Koch's move because of the possible encouragement it might give to Gay people to join their ranks. In contrast, Police Chief Charles Gain, San Francisco, has repeatedly encouraged Gay men and women to apply for police positions and to "come out" if they are on the force.

Syndicated columnist Jim Bishop recently reported that he had learned of 23 Gay cops on the NYC force.

Editorial Ladylike Legislator

We direct your attention to Bruce Pettit's interview with Dianne Feinstein and suggest you scrutinize both her surface and subsoil message. Our decoding follows —

The price of securing our rights is decorum both public and private (in the Pacific Heights sense of the term). What Feinstein fears more than anything else is the continual exodus of lower middle class families to Daly City and beyond. The Pacific Heights bastions denied this human buffer zone are all the more vulnerable, all the more suspect.

What Feinstein cannot or will not face is that the Gay movement is much more than a civil rights affair, or Gay Centers, or Parades, or Polk Street. It is a revolution.

To Feinstein a Gay presence is possible, a Gay dominance is disaster. And her solution is tolerance (not to be confused with acceptance) and containment.

Feinstein, several times, puts down those she brands the "liberal chic" while all along she epitomizes the term. She is still busying herself with the liberalization of the ghetto while shoring up the status quo and the Junior League.

To digest that the Gay movement has more to do with the re-evaluation of sexuality than city ordinances on sexual orientation is more than Feinstein can handle.

Dennis Altman, who teaches Political Science at the University of Sydney, put it this way: "We are not a minority who need civil rights; we are the expression of a human potential that is severely repressed. And a radical Gay movement demands not that everyone fuck everyone else (though, why not?) but that society recognize the way in which repressed homosexuality fuels male violence and aggression. The Gay movement does not exist only for fags."

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Open Notebook

Playing It Straight

Jack Warner

Gay people have a long history of pretending to be straight. "Living a lie," as we used to call it, was necessary for survival. I would like to ask now whether it is still necessary to play this charade. For certain Gay people, it probably still is, but what about those of us who have declared ourselves, who are proud to say that we are proud to be Gay?

A couple of things have come to my attention lately which make me raise this question. One of them is a recent book by Dr. Charles Silverstein called "A Family Matter: A Parents' Guide to Homosexuality." There is much to be said in praise of this book: above all, it is honest in what it says about Gay people -- I can't find a single thing in it that I can't agree with. Yet I am left uneasy because there is too much that Silverstein hasn't said. I know that he wants to reassure the parents of Gay people -- and he does that admirably -- but I have a feeling that a straight person who reads this book might very

well heave a sigh of relief and say, "Well, land sakes, they're just like us, after all." Silverstein wants so much to make Gay people look like straight people that he leaves out everything that he fears might give offense. He tells straight people only what he thinks they want to hear.

Here is another instance. "Word Is Out" is an excellent movie because it speaks plainly about the problems that confront Gay people. But when I came away from that movie, I had the impression that almost everybody in it had found a life-mate and had dedicated him/herself to monogamy. There was only one person in the movie who asserted bluntly that he preferred one-night stands. When I heard George Mendenhall's statement, I had to suppress an impulse to run to the screen and shake his hand, because I knew that it took a carload of courage to make such an admission in public. Gay people even pretend with each other on this score, even though we know it is

common practice. We act as if we think that we OUGHT to be more like straight people and therefore must hide things.

Perhaps we are so much in the habit of doing this sort of thing that we can't stop. After all, we do want to be accepted and maybe even liked. But I am opposed to it, not only because it's a form of dishonesty, but also because it suggests that we're ashamed to admit what we're really like.

Curiously enough, those things we keep hiding aren't exclusively Gay. Take promiscuity, for instance. Silverstein doesn't mention it in his book, and Mendenhall's statement about it in the movie is noticeable because it's exceptional. But there are just as many promiscuous straight men as there are promiscuous Gay men. Promiscuity might well be called, without qualification, a characteristic of men. It is nothing we need be ashamed of.

Gay people are also often shy about mentioning the emphasis on youth that permeates the Gay world. We can guess the reason: too many straight people make reckless charges about molesting children. But nothing could be more youth-oriented than the whole of straight society. Moreover, nature itself emphasizes youth in matters of sex and reproduction. Why should we deny that youth is attractive to us?

When we tell straight people only what they want to hear, we are denying certain facts of our own lives. We're still "living a lie." But there is something even worse about it: we're paying lip service to values which cannot possibly be ours. For what straight people want to hear is something that conforms only to their own standards -- and those standards always represent heterosexuality. No matter how much we tell and how much we hide, we will always be confronted with the fact that homosexuality is not heterosexuality.

As a consequence, there is only one final and lasting charge that straight people can make against us, and that is that we are Gay. When we have declared that fact for ourselves, there is nothing left to hide. We waste our time pretending, and we deceive only those people who already want to be deceived.

We have wanted to be cautious about what we tell straight people, of course, because they are still in control of what can happen to us. But we will gain nothing from deceit. If we are to be accepted, we must be accepted for all that we are, whether straight people like us that way or not.

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Spanish Gays March, Protest Anti-Gay Law

BARCELONA, Spain - A national "social endangerment law" has permitted the police in this country to round up alleged homosexuals on vague charges. A public protest in June, 1977, produced 4,000 Gay demonstrators during Spain's Gay Pride Day.

Over 1,000 protestors again marched in this city in December under the Homosexual Liberation Front of Catalonia.

Sympathizers with the Gay liberation movement included feminist organizations plus anarchist and communist groups. One chant was, "Gobierno escucha, el gai esta en lucha," which roughly translated means, "Listen government! The Gay struggle is here!"

Rafael Artesaga, a Gay activist from Spain, recently told Boston's Gay Community News that many Gay people have been arrested in Spain under the oppressive law, but that "things have changed a lot" since Franco's death. Artesaga reports that there are now Spanish Gay discos, clubs and baths.

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The Men in My Life

Natalie Clifford Barney
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by Paul-Francis Hartmann

They called Natalie "the wild girl from Cincinnati." She was known all over Paris for her wealth, social connections, poetry, aphoristic writings, and scandalously unorthodox life. Romaine Brooks knew her as the tall beauty who often took walks in the Bois de Boulogne followed by an "insignificant little woman dressed in Oriental clothes."

They met shortly before WWI at an afternoon reception where they had been invited to take tea, eat cakes, and play cards. They went home in the same car and that was the beginning.

had established herself as a talented portraitist and was painting regularly, if not constantly, and choosing among the parade of fashionable faces those that interested her. Romaine was a figure on the Parisian scene.

Even more so was Natalie Barney who was the focus for a Bohemian circle of poets, musicians, and writers. She was also called the Amazon for her habit of riding in the Bois de Boulogne every morning, carrying a cane, dressed in a bowler hat and a black bow tie. Anatole France had said, "I kiss your hand with a sacred terror."

By this time Romaine She was born in Dayton,



Natalie Barney, nude study.

Ohio, on October 31, 1877, the daughter of Alice Pike Barney, an artist, dramatist, and all-around esthete, and Albert Clifford Barney, an industrialist and financier. From the first, Natalie and her younger sister, Laura, led an unusually free and privileged life.

Their early years were spent living in a mansion just outside Cincinnati, surrounded by immaculate lawns, with their own playgrounds stocked with goats, baby alligators, parrots and

Horses were the first love of Natalie's life, and France and the French came a close second. She attended a fashionable girls' boarding school in Fontainebleau just outside Paris. By the time she finished, she was thoroughly assimilated into the French culture and spoke French without an accent.

Enigmatically beautiful and brilliant, Natalie asserted her right to live her own life and there was nothing anyone could do about it — even though her mother, outwardly a Bohemian but basically a snob, would have liked Natalie to move in correct circles.

Writes one biographer, "But Natalie had no intention of allowing herself to be so circumscribed. She did not accept the path of conforming while chafing under others' restraints. She simply rose above them."

She was not conventionally pretty, but what she had was even more seductive to those men and women who fell in love with her. She had, one said, a voice with a timbre like a cello. Another spoke of her profusion of hair, massed in great careless clumps around her head. A third was dazzled by her eyes, as blue as gas jets, and her kind of savage stare (depending upon which writer you read).

Natalie Barney in Florence during World War II at the Villa Sant'Agnese.

pony carts. They traveled between Ohio, Washington and Bar Harbor, Maine, and as soon as they were old enough, to London and Paris. They were given, Laura said, extraordinary freedom for their day.

Early photographs show her sitting beneath a pine tree, wearing men's clothes or looking back over her shoulder — devilishly. Another with one hand on her hip and an expression of insouciant amusement flickering in her eyes, that showed her command of herself and her world.

There is another photograph that her epoch would have considered daring in the extreme. She is a wood nymph, lying back over a rock on a fern-covered floor in a forest ... her hair hanging loosely — quite naked.

It is said that Natalie considered herself a feminist from the moment when she had seen a woman and a dog pulling a milk cart between them in Europe while the husband walked blandly alongside.

Some called her a female Don Juan. Before

she was 20, Natalie had begun to pursue women with the combination of imagination, courage and boldness that many of them found irresistible — even if they were highly paid courtesans as Liane de Pougy, mistress of the Prince of Wales and star of the Folies Bergere.

By the turn of the century Natalie was renting her own house in Neuilly and later in Paris, and for over 50 years an extraordinary assemblage of famous men and women came to the house on the rue Jacob. From the start Natalie had the gift of turning a reception into an event, and everyone who was anybody came to Natalie's parties. People were intrigued by her impudent and mocking sense of the scandalous, or her dramatic flair. Wanda Landowska played the harpsichord. Colette, then bent on a music hall career, offered theatricals. Mata Hari arrived naked on a white horse harnessed with emeralds. Another time Mata Hari gave a demonstration of Javanese dances in the nude.

She wrote poetry and essays and brought together in the salon on the rue Jacob the most renowned writers of the early twentieth century — the autocratic elite, and the talented homosexuals of a particular world. Natalie mastered the elegant and difficult art of the aphorism. Yet because she wrote in French and very little of her work has ever been translated, she remained virtually unknown in her native land.

Her affairs, her Friday afternoon parties at 20 rue Jacob, her love of life persisted decade after decade — only the faces changed. Her biographer observes, "One went to the house in 1925, and Natalie, her hair massed low on her forehead like a halo, would be wearing a loose white chiffon overblouse belted with a thong at the waist ... one went in 1955 and Natalie was still there, looking like an abbess in something soft and white and with the same intent and inscrutable look which could blend into a smile of childlike delight."

Yet her crowd was by now somewhat of a waxworks — Ezra Pound, Colette, Bernard Beren-



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son, Somerset Maugham, Cocteau. By the late 50's Natalie Clifford Barney had become an anachronism.

And again the wheel of fortune turned. In old age Natalie was surprised to find herself becoming famous (60 years after she became infamous). It was partly because the public had belatedly discovered the austere elegance of her writings (she published her last book, "Souvenir Indiscrets," in 1960). Also, partly because of the wave of nostalgia that embraced the 20's and 30's and decades even more remote from post-war Europe. Natalie was one of the survivors.

Interviewers discovered



Natalie in riding costume.

her; critics wrote about her. Documentary film crews set up cameras and lights at the rue Jacob. It was said that she was not even slightly affected by it all.

The tragedy of her extreme old age was that her lover and beloved for over 55 years, Romaine, refused to see her ever again. Romaine told her servants to "slam the door in Miss Barney's face" if she should appear. Natalie wrote, and phoned, traveled to Nice, sent friends and relatives to intercede. She wrote for a last time in 1969.

"My Angel and cruel Love — After half a century of being our nearest and dearest, why do you

treat me at present like an unwelcome stranger? ... Why can't I come now or tomorrow, just to be near you — and reassure us that all is as well as possible ... Do please, I beg of you and our everlasting friendship — To put your head on my shoulder and carry out whatever wish you may express to your everloving and faithful friend Natalie."

By 1970 Romaine was dead — Natalie followed February 2, 1972. "The funeral was on a Friday and her maid Berthe said, 'Mademoiselle's last Friday you know she always received on Fridays.' About 50 people came. A friend said, 'Natalie wouldn't have come — she never went to a funeral in her life — she said they were barbaric.' When asked why she hadn't gone to her great friend Madame de Clermont-Tonnerre's, she answered, 'Why trail after an old dress that the owner threw away because it was worn out?'

In 1920 Natalie wrote, "Those who do not put their soul in their flesh are unworthy of life." Natalie Clifford Barney, the gay blade, was preeminently worthy. . .

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J. Edgar Hoover: A Closet Queen?

"The Private Files of J. Edgar Hoover," a motion picture that implies that the former F.B.I. chief might have been Gay, is due to be released. Broderick Crawford appears as Hoover, and Dan Dailey is Hoover's life-time companion, Clyde

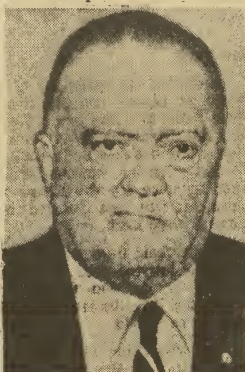
Tolson. According to James Wechsler, New York Post columnist, the film has "inescapable intimations of at least passive homosexuality" in the Hoover-Tolson relationship.

"Private Files" reveals a side of Hoover, who served as F.B.I. chief for 48 years, that the general public has never heard about due to an extensive public relations coverup by the F.B.I. itself. For those 48 years the public perceived Hoover as above reproach."

The new film bluntly relates Hoover's alleged Oedipus Complex in his lifelong live-in relationship with his mother. After Hoover's death, his home was willed to Tolson.

Hoover, advance reviewers reveal, is shown in the film as a person overly concerned about the private lives of others; a man who spent many hours listening to cassette tapes of private sex acts and conversations of well-known public figures recorded by his own agents.

Larry Cohen, the writer-producer of the soon-to-be-released film, researched Hoover's personal life. He observes, "His relationship with Tolson began as a business friendship ... As the



J. EDGAR HOOVER
in the closet?

years passed they became inseparable friends and developed affection for each other out of their desperate loneliness. Despite the innuendos that they were homosexuals, they continued their friendship.

"Hoover never went out with women. He fled from their embrace and accused those women who approached him of trying to ensnare him to get something to smear him with."

Reviewer Fred Hoffman, Los Angeles Free Press, reveals that the F.B.I. would not cooperate in the production of "Private Files" in any way.

Producer Cohen states that he was determined to proceed anyway to reveal a side of Hoover that the public should observe. Although the criticism from advance screenings of the film has already begun, Cohen states that he labored to be fair "even if the public finds the movie devastating."



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Political Profiles: David Scott, Board of Permits Appeals

by Noel Hernandez

The "court of last resort" for those seeking permits from the city is the Board of Permits Appeals. The 1932 city charter gave this body more executive power than any other appeals board in the state. It is where citizens may receive redress of their grievances in regard to the denial of over 60 different types of permits involving such matters as fire, safety, building and sanitation. Its scope includes the permits for a 30-story downtown skyscraper to an addition to a wooden back porch in the Sunset district.

In 1976 liberal Mayor George Moscone lived up to his campaign promise by appointing a Gay to a major position—a seat on the Board of Permits Appeals. His choice was Harvey Milk, who later was fired by Moscone when Milk announced his candidacy for the State Assembly. Atty. Rick Stokes, another well-known Gay activist, was then appointed. When Stokes resigned to run for Supervisor, David Scott was appointed.

David Scott? Many in

the Gay community did not know the man. He took office with little publicity and diligently applied himself to the time-consuming task, for which he receives a token \$15 per meeting. He states that it is a very fulfilling job. There's a lot of opportunity to help people.

Scott moved to San Francisco in 1960 after leaving the Navy. He was born in Pennsylvania where he attended Penn State University. He studied real estate finance and investment at George Washington University. He says that after three years at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard, he realized that "nobody had told me that I had to earn a living, or how to go about it. I worked for an employment agency and did further studying at U.C. Berkeley, graduating from its National Mortgage Banking School. In 1962 I bought my first building with only \$1,800 down, which I had saved. I am astounded that today, to do that, you need \$18,000. It's horrible!"

The commissioner asserts that "economic independence is very important and property is one way. I don't see myself as aligned with the financial community, however. In fact, I'm usually fighting them... I am not a large brokerage firm. My business is specialized. In addition to the property that I own, I make my living by representing ten clients who want to buy and sell property... I guess one of the reasons I love real estate is that it is one of the last tangible frontiers of self-enterprise."

He points to young people who "don't grow up today and go out and start a car company or a clothing factory. But they can grow up wanting to build houses and own property. There are STILL achievable goals of excellence in that."

Scott, who was recently elected Vice President of the Board, is well aware of the problems that citizens are confronted with when they attempt to get permits from the city... "The person who initiates something which starts this permit process with the city, in essence, is pulling a little fiber than can unravel a whole ball of string. For instance, the guy who is going to open a restaurant may find himself working with eight or ten city departments. If he gets turned down by one of those departments, that's when he comes to us on the Board."

In an effort to be fair, Scott listens to all and spends several hours each week in preparation for the Board meetings. He recalls, "In one appeal involving Maude's, a Lesbian bar, there was an application for a dance permit. I

met with the owner and did everything that I could to help her. We were one vote off; the Board is a five person board and you need four out of five to win your appeal. She got three votes. Nonetheless, I think she genuinely felt that within city government there was someone who was interested in her problem and of those women who go to her bar. She felt that I had really done my best..."

The Pride Foundation also had problems when it sought to legalize the Gay Community Center for public assemblage. Scott went through the building "trying to understand the problems so that I could use my best efforts to help. That must have taken five or six hours. The effort was successful; the vote was 5-0 in their favor."

Scott, like many Gay people, became increasingly involved politically after Miami and the murder of Robert Hillborough. He took part in the Gay Freedom Day Parade and joined the Save Our Human Rights foundation. After meeting Atty. Stokes and endorsing his candidacy, Scott became aware of Stokes' withdrawal from the Board. He recalls, "I thought that's the second or third most important chartered entity in the city: The Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Appeals. It

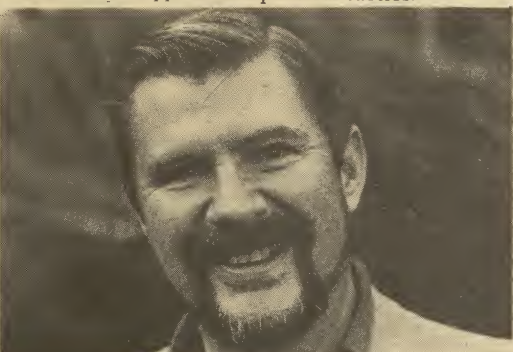
fairly well. Several days later he appointed me."

Looking back on his appointment, Scott observes that "there are any number of positions I could have been offered which I would not have been interested in. This Board is a place to exercise judgment and work with appellants and city departments. I like the job very much, my first appointment in public life."

Speaking to other Gay people, Scott emphasizes "that there are a lot of opportunities. I think the Gay voting population at a minimum is 25% of the votes cast. In reality, it is probably much higher. There's tremendous opportunity for Gay people. I encourage others. I sought and secured the position on the Board within the context of about half a month. It was incredible."

Would David Scott seek elective office? "...I am undefined at this point. One thing I would certainly strive to avoid is the terrible dissension which marked Harvey's and Rick's campaigns."

"We have such tremendous resource in the political structure. We have voting power and economic strength through our own businesses and our property ownership. There is really no place for 'bitch queen' political tactics."



David Scott, Gay appointee and vice chairman of the Board of Permits Appeals. (Photo by Efen Ramirez)

can overrule anyone when it comes to matters of city planning and zoning compliance or noncompliance with city codes. It seemed that no one was interested in the vacated position so I sought to be appointed."

Through a personal contact with Claire Pilcher, who is serving on the Board, and others, he began to build support. Among his backers were John Schmidt, president of the Golden Gate Business Association; the executive director of the SF Planning and Urban Renewal and the founder of the Toklas Democratic Club, Jim Foster. He states, "I'd never met the Mayor, other than casually, so with these other people backing me, I wrote to Moscone. He set up an appointment and we talked for an hour and a half. I felt we hit it off

"I think if you look at other political structures, there's not as much infighting as I've seen in the Gay community. We overlook issues and pick superficial reasons for supporting someone or not. I wouldn't use a political campaign as a vendetta. I'd never get into it just to prove someone wrong. I'm just much more positive."

Gay community people had never seen David Scott's name in the Gay press headlines, so when he was appointed to the Board many asked if he had just "come out." He explains, "I came out when I was 20, in Pennsylvania, while I was in college. It was never a problem that caused me any problems. It was something I just wanted to do so I did it. There was never any question in my mind. I knew that it was

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the people who opposed me that were screwed up, and I just decided not to waste my life being worried about them... I was very fortunate: I didn't have a breakdown and I didn't want to run away."

Today, Scott lives with his lover in their Twin Peaks home... "We've been together about a year and a half. I'm 42 and he's 34. We've been very busy this past year renovating our home, and we're very excited about my lover's new business venture, Market Street Travel Service."

"My personal life is pretty much a private thing. I get upset when the outside world is being bitchy, and I try not to let that come into our home. There's no reason to. You can accomplish your aims by opposing someone on a principle basis rather than a personal, vindictive level."

When questioned about the fact that the Gay community does not know him as a "personality," he replies, "In my personal, and now my public, life I think it's the sort of activities I've been involved in that account for my low public profile. There really is no question of being visible. I'm here. My voting record stands. It's public. I've voted about 300 times since my appointment. My public performance is an open book... Keep in mind that you also had the first Gay elected supervisor so the main thrust of the press has switched to Supervisor Milk. That's just the nature of the

pecking order. Similarly, if a Gay person had been elected Mayor, he would have received more press play than a Gay supervisor... Also, I came on the Board on short notice. I think this will be changing in the coming months."

Scott concludes by calling attention to the fact that he is on the State Executive Legislative Committee of the California Association of Realtors. He states that he is "particularly committed to working so that our Association (with 130,000 members) does not go on record in support of the Briggs initiative."

In looking to the future, the warm and intelligent commissioner believes "there are a lot of people contributing in this society that do not always showboat. Maybe someday I'll say that I would like to be a candidate for elective office. I will then want support. I think the people will remember the sort of person that I have been."

Hernandez: Introducing a New B.A.R. Writer

Noel Hernandez, a former contributor to VECTOR magazine and numerous literary magazines, has joined the B.A.R. as a features writer.

Hernandez received his

B.A. from the University of San Francisco in English and holds a California teaching credential. His employment for the past 10 years has been the area of civil rights, education, and welfare within the federal government. The writer is introduced to B.A.R. readers with his interview with David Scott.

President Reagan? Homophobe Is Running

Ronald Reagan is now a candidate for the Republican Party nomination for the U.S. presidency. The former actor and governor of California is "in the race," according to Evans & Novak, syndicated political columnists. Reagan will be 69 when the 1980 G.O.P. convention arrives.

Gay activists are concerned because Reagan has over \$1 million in reserve from his previous attempt to be the G.O.P. candidate. Reagan has stated that homosexuals are "sick" and in need of psychiatric care.

The Republican leader has confided to his top aides that he still desires to be president and intends to challenge Jimmy Carter, according to Evans & Novak.

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OAKLAND

Billy De Frank & Associates will present their Sweetheart Ball on Saturday, Feb. 18, 8:00pm at the Lake Merritt Hotel. Door prizes and a prime rib dinner, along with dancing, are in the offering. No host bar. Tickets include tax and tip and are \$13.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. All proceeds go to the Gay Emergency Fund. For tickets and reservations, call 893-2854 or 763-1370.

SAN JOSE

Mr. & Miss Gay San Jose, Steve Century and Carla La Mar, will sponsor the 1st Annual Closet Ball in San Jose on Friday, Feb. 17. Doors open at 7:30pm at the San Jose Women's Club, 75 S. 11th Street. Prizes include a \$50 cash prize and trophy for the winner and a trophy for the runner-up. For information, call 241-0542.

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The Brave Bull will hold

its 2nd Anniversary Party on Sunday, Feb. 19. Festivities begin at 2:00pm with a buffet at 4:00pm and champagne at midnight. Souvenir buttons will be given out. The Bull is going all out for this event and will have many guest bartenders from San Francisco on hand.

STOCKTON

The Investiture of Emperor IV David and Empress IV Rosalyn will be held February 4 at the Gay 90's in Stockton at 6:00pm.

HAYWARD

Just a reminder: the Hayward Equal Rights Organization will hold its COTILLION, a St. Valentine's Day event, on Feb. 17 at Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd., in

Hayward. The event starts at 8:00pm with no host cocktails and buffet, along with dancing to the music of Messiah till 1:00am. All proceeds will go to the Hayward Equal Rights Organization and the California Human Rights Advocates. Tickets are available by calling 776-5125 or (408) 295-6110 in the South Bay. Among the notables on hand will be Assemblyman Art Agnos and Emperor Jim Ostlund of San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES

In a magnificent celebration, Oedipus Rex XL Bobby W. took over the reins from Oedipus Rex 38 & 39 Ron E. The celebration, which had a record attendance, was held at the Palace in Burbank. Included in the evening's festivities was a show with all the members of the Oedipus as star performers. Of special note was the "You Light Up My Life" number done by Ron E.; he looked like a living light show. Congratulations to Oedipus Rex XL Bobby W. And to my dear friend Ron E., Oedipus Rex 38 & 39, congratulations on a job well done!

Mineo Suspect Excuse, Delays

LOS ANGELES - Prosecutors in the Sal Mineo murder case state it will be some time before they are able to transcribe 82 hours of tape recordings of alleged in-jail conversations between suspect

Lionel Williams, 21, and fellow inmates. Allegedly, Williams discussed his murdering of actor Mineo while being taped in a Michigan jail cell.

Mineo was stabbed three years ago in his West Hollywood apartment. Witnesses state that three "white men" were seen running from the unit, but Williams is Black. The accused's mother claims that she was with her son the night of the attack.

Williams' attorney, Robert Harris, states that Dep. Dist. Atty. Burton Katz was allowed to have a private grand jury hearing "because the evidence is extremely weak." He also claims that testimony "which might point to the innocence" of his client was not presented. Atty. Katz says the testimony was in private in order to avoid "a circus" in the courtroom.

Williams has been indicted and will appear on February 6 for arraignment. He is being held on \$500,000 bail. His attorney states that a trial should not be allowed to proceed until he also has the opportunity to hear the tapes.

Mineo was widely known in the Gay community. His best motion picture roles were in "Exodus" and "Rebel Without A Cause." In "Rebel" he portrayed a latent homosexual who was in love with a character played by James Dean. Later, Mineo played in the road production of "Fortune In Men's Eyes," a play about homosexuality in prison.

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Troy Perry to Visit the East Bay

BERKELEY - Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry will be the guest of the East Bay Metropolitan Community Church, February 11 & 12. Troy Perry is the Founder and Moderator of the Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of MCC, author of the book "The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay," as well as a national civil rights leader of the Gay community.

Perry and the Church he founded have been covered in almost every major magazine in the United States, including Time, Life, Newsweek, Esquire, as well as hundreds of newspapers around the world. He has appeared on the Mike Douglas Show, the Phil Donahue Show, the Tomorrow Show, as well as hundreds of local programs.

Rev. Perry will be appearing for the following events: Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:00pm, for the Valentine's Dance and Sunday, Feb. 12, 7:30pm, speaking at MCC East Bay. Both events will be held at the Gay Community Center - East Bay, 2714 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705.

Psychiatrists Still Confused on "Sickness" Theory

Three years after the American Psychiatric Association declared that homosexuality was not a "disorder" unless the person is dissatisfied with that sexual orientation, a poll reveals that many psychiatrists do not agree with that earlier decision.

The liberal decision of 1974 is now followed by a poll conducted by Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality magazine which reveals that most of the 2,500 responding psychiatrists did not share the APA conclusion. The pollsters report that 69% of the respondents still believe that homosexuality is "pathological" rather than a normal variation. The poll results are reported by Allen Young in Boston's Gay Community News.

Response by psychiatrists to questions indicate "an apparent homophobia as the norm" according to Young. An analysis of the answers to some of the questions are as follows:

Can homosexuals become heterosexual via therapy? ... Fairly often, 37%. Almost never, 50%.

Are homosexual men generally less happy than others? ... Yes, 73%. No, 26%.

Are homosexual men generally less capable than heterosexual men of mature, loving relationships? ... Yes, 60%. No, 39%.

Are Lesbian women less capable than heterosexual women of mature, loving relationships? ... Yes, 55%. No, 43%.

Are homosexuals' problems in living a result of personal conflicts more than of stigmatization? ... Yes, 90%. No, 28%.

Can bisexuals have successful heterosexual marriages? ... Usually, 21%. Occasionally, 65%. Almost never, 12%.

Are homosexuals generally more creative than heterosexuals? ... Yes, 22%. No, 74%.

Are homosexuals generally a greater risk than heterosexuals to hold positions of great responsibility? ... Yes, 43%. No, 54%.

Commenting on the survey in Human Sexuality magazine, Dr. Harold Lief stated, "The greater unhappiness of homosexuals is understandable in terms of society's condemnation. Psychiatrists also tend to see those who are distressed..."

Kinsey Institute surveys have shown that when homosexuals and heterosexuals, not under psychiatric care, are compared there is little difference in maturation and degrees of unhappiness. Dr. Evelyn Hooker, Los Angeles psychiatrist, drew the same conclusion in her studies.

Young concludes that Gay people who "come in contact with the average psychiatrist are apparently going to find homophobia the accepted norm."

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HAWAII OUTREACH: Tourist Gaycott, MCC Fast, Legislative Fight Begins

HONOLULU - A "Mr. Tagawa," a Gay tourist on his way to the United States from Japan, was recently detained in Honolulu by U.S. Customs officials after his personal mail was searched and read without due process. Leo Vitali, Whitman-Stein Political Club chair, states, "This is not really so shocking. Many homosexuals here in Hawaii are accustomed to less than Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Mr. Tagawa was permitted to continue after the A.C.L.U. intervened and "sex deviation" questioning was halted.

Vitali told B.A.R. that Gay Hawaiians have been trying for three years to get a rights bill through the state legislature which would end discrimination in housing and employment without success. The Whitman-Stein group urges a gaycott of the islands, calling for Gay tourists to stay away from Hawaii until a Gay rights bill is passed. The club is located at 49 South Beretania St., #211, Honolulu.

Gay people are urged to write to State Senate President John Ushijima and Senator Donald Nishimura - referring to support for SB-427 - and to House Speaker James Wakatsuki and Rep. Richard Garcia - referring to support for HB-41. Letters may be addressed

to the State Capital Building, Honolulu, Hawaii. up the Gay rights issue and to move it to the floor of the legislature. Rev. Paul Peachey, MCC pastor, has begun a fast in support of passage of the legislation. The drive is to get committees of the legislature to take Peachey may be reached at Box 15825, Honolulu, Hawaii, and at the MCC office, (808) 537-9478. The fast began on January 19.

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